

Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes OPR, MNR

<u>Introduction</u>

This matter proceeded by way of an *ex parte* Direct Request Proceeding, pursuant to section 48(4) of the *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act* (the *Act*), and dealt with an Application for Dispute Resolution by the landlord for an Order of Possession based on unpaid rent and a Monetary Order.

The landlord submitted two signed Proofs of Service of the Notice of Direct Request Proceeding which declare that on August 23, 2017, the landlord sent the tenants the Notices of Direct Request Proceeding by registered mail to the rental unit. The landlord provided copies of the Canada Post Customer Receipts containing the Tracking Numbers to confirm these mailings. Based on the written submissions of the landlord and in accordance with sections 82 and 83 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants have been deemed served with the Direct Request Proceeding documents on August 28, 2017, the fifth day after their registered mailing.

Issue(s) to be Decided

Is the landlord entitled to an Order of Possession for unpaid rent pursuant to sections 39 and 48 of the *Act*?

Is the landlord entitled to monetary compensation for unpaid rent pursuant to section 60 of the *Act*?

Background and Evidence

The landlord submitted the following evidentiary material:

 A copy of a manufactured home park tenancy agreement which was signed by the landlord and tenants on March 27, 2016, indicating a monthly rent of \$890.00, due on the first day of the month for a tenancy commencing on April 01, 2016; Page: 2

 A copy of a Notice of Rent Increase form showing the rent being increased from \$890.00 to the current monthly rent amount of \$920.00;

- A Monetary Order Worksheet showing the rent owing and paid during the relevant portion of this tenancy; and
- A copy of a 10 Day Notice to End Tenancy for Unpaid Rent (the 10 Day Notice) dated August 09, 2017, with a stated effective vacancy date of August 22, 2017, for \$970.00 in unpaid rent.

Witnessed documentary evidence filed by the landlord indicates that the 10 Day Notice was posted to the tenant's door at 1:30 p.m. on August 09, 2017. The Notice states that the tenant(s) had five days from the date of service to pay the rent in full or apply for Dispute Resolution or the tenancy would end.

<u>Analysis</u>

I have reviewed all documentary evidence and in accordance with sections 81 and 83 of the *Act*, I find that the tenants were deemed served with the 10 Day Notice on August 12, 2017, the third day after its posting.

I find that the tenants were obligated to pay the monthly rent in the amount of \$920.00, as per the tenancy agreement and the Notice of Rent Increase form.

I accept the evidence before me that the tenants have failed to pay the rent owed in full within the 5 days granted under section 39(4) of the *Act* and did not dispute the 10 Day Notice within that 5 day period

Based on the foregoing, I find that the tenants are conclusively presumed under section 39(5) of the *Act* to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the 10 Day Notice, August 22, 2017.

I note that the only monetary award available to a landlord by way of the direct request process is for unpaid rent and unpaid utilities. As the landlord has also sought a monetary award for matters relating to late charges and a non-sufficient funds fee, I would not be able to consider this aspect of the landlord's claim through the direct request process.

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Therefore, I find that the landlord is entitled to an Order of Possession and a Monetary Order in the amount of \$920.00, the portion of the amount claimed by the landlord for unpaid rent owing for August 2017 as of August 18, 2017.

Conclusion

I grant an Order of Possession to the landlord effective **two days after service of this Order** on the tenant(s). Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed and enforced as an Order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Pursuant to section 60 of the *Act*, I grant the landlord a Monetary Order in the amount of \$920.00 for rent owed for August 2017. The landlord is provided with this Order in the above terms and the tenant(s) must be served with **this Order** as soon as possible. Should the tenant(s) fail to comply with this Order, this Order may be filed in the Small Claims Division of the Provincial Court and enforced as an Order of that Court.

I dismiss the portion of the landlord's monetary claim relating to late charges and nonsufficient funds fee with leave to re-apply.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act*.

Dated: September 07, 2017

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